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Sir:

Further to the Supplemental Notice of Allowability,  
mailed May 13, 1999, please further amend the above  
application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 18 and 43 as set forth below.

9.  
18. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising the  
steps of:

mounting a substrate having a to-be-exposed film, on a  
sample stage of an aligner having a masking blade;

mounting, on a mask support of said aligner, a  
semitransparent phase shifting mask including (a) a first  
semitransparent phase shifting pattern having a

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